

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the performance of a thorough search.

Claims 37-38 have been amended. Claims 46-58 have been canceled. Claims 59-71 have been newly added. Hence, Claims 33-45 and 59-71 are pending in the present application.

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION – PRIORITY CLAIM

The first paragraph of the present application has been amended herein to expressly specify that the present application is a **Continuation-In-Part** of the prior U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/853,823. This amendment to the specification was necessitated by the fact that the Patent Office previously incorrectly identified the present application as a Continuation of the prior application. (A copy of the original filing receipt showing this incorrect priority designation is attached as an Appendix at the end of the present communication.)

The PAIR record of the present application includes ample evidence that the present application has been searched and considered as of its filing date and not as of the filing date of its parent. Nevertheless, the Examiner is hereby notified that the modification of the priority claim (as effected by the amendment to the specification) may require new search and consideration.

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicants respectfully request the above amendment to the specification to be entered and any new search and consideration to be performed (if necessary).

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A. CLAIMS 33-45

Claims 33-45 stand allowed, as indicated in Notice of Allowance mailed on July 28, 2009.

Claims 37-38 have been amended herein to correct an obvious typographical error. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that new search and consideration for Claims 37-38 is not necessary.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that each of Claims 33-45 is in condition for allowance.

B. NEW CLAIMS 59-71

New Claims 59-71 include features similar to the features of Claims 33-45, respectively, except in the context of a computer-readable storage medium. For this reason, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 59-71 are allowable for same reasons as Claims 33-45. Entry, consideration, and allowance of Claims 59-71 is respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that allowance of all pending claims is appropriate. Entry of the RCE filed concurrently herewith, and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

A petition for extension of time, to the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed, is hereby made. If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the

pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any applicable fees and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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